

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES!

PAPERS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA—American Series V: Hempenway Southwestern Archaeological Excavations, to the History of the Southwestern Portion of the United States. By A. F. Bandelier. Cambridge: John Wilson & Son.

In this number of the Archaeological Institute's publications, Professor Bandelier addresses himself to the solution of four knotty problems: First, how much the Spaniards in Mexico knew previous to 1535 about the countries north of the region to which they gave the name of New-Galicia; second, what the route was by which Cabeza de Vaca and his companions passed round to the north of the Mexican Gulf; third, what effort there was to penetrate to the north previous to the success of the Franciscan Marcos of Nizara, and finally, how far north of Santa Fe the ill-fated expedition of Pedro de Vilhena got before it was destroyed by the French and the Pawnees. The last of these may be said to stand by itself, but the other three are notable chapters in the history of a fancy as old in literature as Plato—for the philosopher's unfinished story of Atlantis has not a little relation to the legend of the seven Cities, the search for which was the romance of Spanish North American exploration. Apparently the aboriginal tribes had folk-lore corresponding to the notions of the Europeans, though they talked only of seven caves instead of seven cities. It was the search for these supposed cities and the fabulous wealth they were said to contain that gave historic unity to the fables as well as successes of Spanish explorers beyond the boundaries of the modern Mexican State of Sinaloa. The author maintains that little was accomplished even by the frantic efforts of Cortez to recover his prestige with the court by new achievements until Cabeza de Vaca returned, as it were from the dead, to tell of the vast region which he had traversed beyond the river known as the Rio Grande.

With a mass of details gathered from Spanish authorities, the Professor presents forcibly the arguments to prove that Cabeza de Vaca and his three companions, the only survivors of the ill-fated expedition led from Spain by Pamplio de Narvaz, found themselves, in the spring of 1535, near the coast of the Mexican Gulf, and not far west of the Sabine River; that they journeyed generally in a westward direction, not far from the Gulf coast; that they never went far enough north to see buffalo, nor to reach the villages of the sedentary Indians in New-Mexico, and that they found no trace of Spaniards until they reached the Yoqui River of Sonora. If one studies these points, he will find that they dispose of much that was vague in the way of romance, under the name of history, concerning this famous journey. If the wanderers did not get into New-Mexico, they surely could have known nothing of Kansas. Probably they never saw the Mississippi River. But what they had to say about the things they saw served to rouse anew the spirit of exploration. They certainly turned toward the north at the attention of the Viceroy, Don Antonio de Mendoza, whom Professor Bandelier, with pardonable exaggeration, describes as "one of the greatest administrative minds of all times." Then came the efforts of the Franciscans, by direction of the Viceroy, to penetrate north of Culiacan. After sifting the testimony, the professor reaches the conclusion that these were probably an expedition of monks previous to that of Brother Marcos, and that Marcos' own journey ended in sight of the Zuni villages, which were really the theme of tales told by the more southerly natives, and were supposed to correspond to the European tradition of the Seven Cities. The identity in number is certainly a notable fact. The Franciscan traveler was prevented from entering the Zuni range by the misconduct and consequent assassination of his assistant, the negro Esteban, whose death is still a subject of Zuni tradition.

Finally comes the question, how far north Pedro de Vilhena went in 1720 before he was routed and killed by the Pawnees and French. Professor Bandelier decides that the massacre took place, not in the neighborhood of the Missouri River, but probably on the south fork of the Platte, not far from the site of the present Platt City. However, he does not, apparently, look upon it as impossible that the Spaniards may have got into Nebraska.

The expense of publishing the volume was borne partly by the Institute and partly by Mrs. Mary Henshaw.

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